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SUBJECT: DEMISE OF "HASHISH KING"

REF: STATE 114713

1. "HASHISH KING" CASE, AS IT APPEARS IN EGYPTIAN PRESS, MAY HAVE FAR MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE. AHRAM' S ARTICLE RECORDS PAST OFFENSES AND NUMEROUS ARRESTS OF SMUGGLER, LATEST OF WHICH WERE IN AUGUST, 1971 AND NOVEMBER 1972. NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN AS TO WHY HE WAS RELEASED BETWEEN THOSE DATES, IN VIEW OF EARLIER CASES AND ONE JAIL BREAK, AND NO CONVINCING EXPLANATION IS GIVEN AS TO WHY HE IS NOT NAMED. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, SMUGGLER' S EARLY CAREER FOCUSED ON TRANS- SINAI HASHISH RUN, WHICH WAS LATER EXPANDED TO INCLUDE WESTERN DESERT AREA.

2. SINAI CONNECTION IMMEDIATELY BRINGS TO MIND REVELATION IN CAIRO PRESS THREE WEEKS AGO OF ESPIONAGE CASE INVOLVING SOLDIER AND HASHISH SMUGGLER WHO OPERATED SINAI ROUTE. WHILE THERE MAY BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO CASES, WE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. FOR THIS REASON, AS WELL AS BECAUSE EGYPTIANS
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WOULD PROBABLY REGARD USG CONGRATULATIONS AS GRATUITOUS,
STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT WE STAY OUT OF MATTER FOR THE
MOMENT. IF AT LATER DATE DURING REGULAR CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN USINTOFF AND SUGHAYIR IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO
PROBE, WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO ELICIT FURTHER INFORMATION
ON CASE.
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